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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 4 January 1961

PRESENT: Gen. Cabell, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hare, Mr. Irwin,
Mr. McCone, Mr. Riddleberger, Mr. Scribner,
Mr. Washburn, Mr. Smith1. U.S. Public Attitude Toward Castro and Trujillo

In response to a suggestion made by the President yesterday, the Board agreed that responsible departments and agencies should in their official policy actions and information output attempt to link Castro and Trujillo together. That is, disapproval and opposition should be expressed toward both and no distinction drawn between dictatorships of the left and of the right. The State and USIA representatives said that they would see to it that posts in Latin America, and elsewhere as appropriate, are fully informed on this policy

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2. African Horse Sickness

Mr. Riddleberger reported further on ICA's investigation of this subject, and on planned U.S. and multi-lateral efforts to cope with it. He said that it had been decided that the vaccine should not be produced in this country; however, ICA is prepared to provide Iran with the necessary equipment to produce it in quantity. ~~It was noted, incidentally, that the disease is still spreading, particularly in Turkey.~~

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4. Climate-of-Opinion Factor

The Board agreed that it would be desirable to emphasize in briefings of officials of the new administration that procedures exist for taking into account the foreign climate-of-opinion factors involved in public statements.

5. U.S. Exhibits in the USSR

Mr. Washburn told the Board that USIA is planning three exhibits in the USSR during 1961, the first to take place in the spring. He said that there is an urgent problem in connection with obtaining funds, and that the support of OCB might be requested.

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